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the current regime in Poland has no intention of permitting individual craftsmen to operate freely in direct competition with the State. an instance in the shoemaking trade where applications for permission to establish private businesses were denied on the ground that the statements made at the Seventh Plenum of the Polish United Workers Party (PZPR) in July 1956 concerned "building socialism" and in no way concerned the restoration of firms of private capitalism in Poland.

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pure propaganda for the Polish masses the statements made at the Seventh Plenum of the Polish United Workers Party (PZPR) in July 1956 concerning the development of handicraft and small trade shops through private means. the regime had no intention of permitting individual craftsmen to operate freely in direct competition with the state. the same absence of sincerity is probably found in the 20 October 1956 statement by Communist Party Secretary Wladyslaw Gomulka on the need to permit more private craftsmen to develop their skills and trades. lies presented as truth only to give the appearance of liberal changes in the "new" Poland.

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